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IUB Board Member Nick Wagner Accepts Position with Black Hills Energy

(Des Moines) – Nick Wagner, a member of the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) since 2013, has been named Vice President, Colorado Regulatory Affairs & Policy, with Black Hills Energy, a position at the utility company's offices in Denver. Wagner will transition to his new role in July 2020.

Wagner was appointed to the IUB in May 2013 by then-Gov. Terry Branstad and reappointed to a six-year term in 2019 by Gov. Kim Reynolds. During his tenure, he has worked to improve the efficiency of the agency and focused on balancing the interests of utilities and customers.

"I am very appreciative of Ambassador Branstad and Governor Reynolds for providing me the opportunity to serve the people of Iowa," Wagner said. "I have really enjoyed working with and have learned a tremendous amount from other Board members and IUB employees. I am continually impressed with the work they all do for Iowa and I will miss the IUB."

Board Chair Geri Huser praised Wagner's collaborative work style and focus on technology that has made the Board's administrative functions more efficient. "I have appreciated his vast knowledge of the utility industry and willingness to jump in and take on any challenge," she added.

"Nick's background and experience as an electrical engineer complemented the experience of two attorneys on the Board," Board member Richard Lozier Jr. said. "We worked together very well, and we will miss his high level of expertise."

Wagner was elected president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in November 2018 and his yearlong term focused on making NARUC a more valuable asset to regulators and state commissions by providing additional resources to aid state commissioners and staff in developing their regulatory skills. He expanded new commissioner training and helped state regulators transition from commissioner to non-commissioner roles.

Wagner, who currently lives in Marion, also has served as president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference. He previously worked as Director of Quality Management for the ESCO Group in Marion and prior to joining the IUB he served four years on the Marion City Council and later served two terms in the Iowa House of Representatives.

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